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For: WATER ELECTROLYTIC APPARATUS

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 30, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated January 31, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A water electrolytic apparatus comprising a plurality of water electrolytic cells each having a solid polymer electrolyte membrane, an anode, and a cathode, the anode and the cathode being arranged on opposite sides of said electrolyte membrane, respectively, said water electrolytic cells being developed on a hypothetical plane and electrically connected in series to one another, wherein each of said water electrolytic cell, said solid polymer electrolytic membrane, said anode, and said cathode are developed on respective hypothetical planes that extend parallel to one another.

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